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SUBJECT: RED:ESCAP:CHANGE NOTED IN NEW DELHI DECLARATION

REF: (A) BANGKOK 10019 (B) STATE 128249

1. RED CONSULTED RUDY GONTHA AS PLANNED IN REFTEL A REGARDING CAPITALIZATION OF NIEO IN NEW DELHI DECLARATION. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL B RED ALSO LEFT NOTE OBJECTING TO PRESENT VERSION OF ESCAP ANNUAL REPORT AND REQUESTING ISSUANCE OF CORRIGENDUM OF NEW DELHI DECLARATION.

2. GONTHA CLAIMED BENNY WIDJONO HAD INSISTED IN POST-CONFERENCE DISCUSSION IN BANGKOK THAT RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD FINALLY AGREED ON LEAVING NIEO IN CAPS IN NEW DELHI DECLARATION. WE CONTESTED THIS IDEA POINTING TO LANGUAGE IN DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO WHICH COMMISSION HAD AGREED. WHILE NOT ACCEPTING OUR POINT, GONTHA NEXT CLAIMED THAT RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JILANI (PAKISTAN FINANCIAL ADVISER WHO FORMERLY WORKED IN ECAFE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION) CAME TO BANGKOK, CONFRONTED MARAMIS AND INSISTED NIEO MUST REMAIN IN UPPER CASE THROUGHOUT NEW DELHI DECLARATION. WE NOTED JILANI GAVE US DELEGATION CONSTANT TROUBLE IN RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND IT IS UNWARRANTED FOR HIM TO PERPETUATE HIS OWN ARGUMENT WITH ESCAP SECRETARIAT AFTER ISSUE

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HAD BEEN DECIDED BY CONSENSUS AT ESCAP PLENARY IN US FAVOR.

3. GONTHA INDICATED HE HAD EXPECTED THIS ISSUE WOULD ARISE WHEN HE AGREED TO PUT NIEO IN CAPS. WHEN ASKED HIS VIEWS ON OUR RAISING THIS ISSUE ALSO IN ECOSOC, SINCE ESCAP ANNUAL REPORT (E/5656) PUBLISHED AS ECOSOC DOCUMENT, GONTHA PLEADED THAT WE NOT RAISE MATTER THERE. HE DID NOT WANT TO BOTHER MINISTERS ON SUCH A MINOR MATTER AS LOWER CASE LETTERS IN A DECLARATION. WE ADMITTED IT MAY SEEM MINOR, BUT IT WAS NO LONGER WHEN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH DIFFICULTY BUT CONCESSION TO US HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN AFTER CONSENSUS OBTAINED. UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS DO NOT LIKE TO BE TREATED THIS WAY.

4. GONTHA PROMISED CONSULT MARAMIS, STUDY ISSUE AND GIVE US REPLY SOONEST. IF NONE FORTHCOMING, AT NEXT ACPR MEETING (NOW RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24) WE WILL RAISE ISSUE IN OPEN FORUM.

5. COMMENT: RED DEPUTY PERMREPS WHO ATTENDED END OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AT NEW DELHI RECALL THAT EITHER JAPANESE OR MALAYSIAN REPS (NAKAMURA OR FONG) SUPPORTED USDEL STOKES' CLAIM THAT SINCE DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAD EARLIER AGREED TO USE LOWER CASE IN ALL REFERENCES TO NIEO IN ANNUAL REPORT THEN NEW DELHI DECLARATION SHOULD ALSO. WIDJONO MAY ALSO HAVE CONFIRMED THIS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THESE STATEMENTS MADE MEETING ADJOURNED FOR SPECIAL SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE. JILANI'S ACTION RAISES QUESTION WHETHER IN ADDITION TO INDIAN MAFIA A PAKISTANI ONE ALSO EXISTS.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(A) ATTEMPT BE MADE TO CONTACT BENNY WIDJONO WHO NOW WORKS IN ECLA SECRETARIAT IN SANTIAGO, CHILE, TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS. (RED DOUBTS AN AMERICAN-EDUCATED INDONESIAN WOULD HAVE FAILED TO NOTE US OBJECTIONS TO NIEO IN UPPER CASE. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN JILANI MAY HAVE "TWISTED HIS ARM".)

(B) CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN, IF ESCAP RESPONSE UNSATISFACTORY, TO RAISING ISSUE IN ECOSOC AS A BAD BUT, PERHAPS, TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF DOUBLE-DEALING ON PART OF G-77 COUNTRIES IN UN REGIONAL BODIE AND TO REPEATING DEMAND THAT CORRIGENDUM BE ISSUED ON NEW DELHI DECLARATION.

(C) DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH PROPOSED RED ACTION TO RAISE ISSUE BEFORE NEXT ACPR MEETING JUNE 24 UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4 "ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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